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# COMMUNITY LIBRARY

## Connect With Nature!

### Seal Walk at Cupsogue Beach

Friday, February 23, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Held at **Cupsogue Beach County Park**.

Registration begins Tuesday, February 6.

Bundle up, grab your binoculars, and meet us at **Cupsogue Beach County Park** in Westhampton. The Atlantic Marine Conservation Society scientists will guide us in an interactive seal survey. Must be a MMSCL cardholder to register. **Weather permitting.**



### Philadelphia Flower Show Bus Trip

Saturday, March 9.

Registration begins Thursday, January 25. Open to all.

Calling all gardening and flower lovers! Please join us as we venture to the **Philadelphia Flower Show**.

This year's theme, "United by Flowers," celebrates the unique and colorful community born out of our shared love and appreciation of gardening. The Philadelphia Convention Center will come alive with large-scale floral creations and gardens created by some of the most talented florists and garden artists.

The flower show Marketplace offers over 150 vendors selling gardening merchandise. Food is available to purchase at the convention center, and the historical **Reading Terminal Market** (located adjacent to the center) is home to over 30 eateries.



**Departure time from Moriches Library Branch:** 7:30 a.m.

**Arrival at Flower Show:** 11:00 a.m.

**Departure from Philadelphia:** 5:00 p.m.

**Arrival home:** 8:30 p.m.

**Price per person:** \$135 (non-refundable) includes R/T coach transportation to Philadelphia, PA, admission to the Flower Show, and an onboard tour guide.



# Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election - Tuesday, April 2nd

The Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library has scheduled Tuesday, April 2 as the date of the annual vote on the library's 2024-2025 budget and trustee election.

Voting will take place at the Mastic Beach Satellite Branch, 369 Neighborhood Road, between the hours of 9:00 am to 9:00 pm.

Because the presidential primary also takes place on April 2, the Suffolk County Board of Elections has advised jurisdictions countywide that no voting machines would be available for use during the period from March 1 to May 1. As a result, the April 2 library vote will take place using paper ballots.

Paper ballot voting is overseen by trained, certified poll workers from the Suffolk County Board of Elections and is conducted on a nonpartisan basis. A number of other library districts around the county routinely use paper balloting in their budget votes, including the Longwood and Center Moriches public libraries.

"Our trustees weighed the available options and determined that this was the only practical way to proceed," said Library Director Kerri Rosalia. "Our state-mandated calendar made this the best option."

Except for a few eastern Long Island districts with seasonal populations, most Suffolk County libraries hold their budget and trustee votes on the first Tuesday in April.

## IMPORTANT DATES:

Petitions for trustee available in person	Tues., Feb. 6th
Application for absentee ballot available	Wed., Feb. 14th
Trustee nominating petitions due	Mon., Mar. 4th by 5pm
Budget available to public	Tue., Mar. 19th
Board mtg/Budget hearing	Mon., Mar. 25th
Absentee ballot by mail request	Tues., Mar. 26th by 5 pm
Absentee ballot hand-delivered request	Mon., Apr. 1st by 5 pm

## New!

Early voting ballot applications available no earlier than 30 days before vote. If mailed to voter, application must be received no later than 7 days prior to election.



# PROJECT UPDATE -

## Main Library Renovation: Exciting Advances as We Can Start to See the Finish Line

We're back with our monthly glimpse into the ongoing transformation of our main library. As we inch closer to our anticipated reopening later this year, we're excited to share the substantial progress made in recent weeks. Our vision for a state-of-the-art, welcoming space for our community is gradually taking shape.

### Exterior Work Achievements

- **Roof Perfection:** The installation of perimeter roof metal is set to complete this month, a crucial element in safeguarding our building against the elements.
- **Siding and Trim:** With all windows and doors now in place, the exterior siding and trim work is in full swing.

### Interior Development Highlights

- **Framing the Future:** The adult and lobby area framing continues to progress, laying the groundwork for these key community spaces.
- **Basement and Cellar Levels:** The cellar level now boasts completed ceilings and lighting, with walls now being painted. In the teen section, painting is finished, and ceiling and lighting installations are underway.
- **Children's Area:** Our youngest visitors can look forward to a freshly designed space as the tape and spackle work in the children's area will be followed by painting and ceiling installations.
- **Administrative and Staff Areas:** These vital behind-the-scenes spaces have been drywalled, with tape and spackle work underway.
- **Community Room:** The drywall work for our community room, a hub for events and gatherings, is ongoing.
- **Electrical and Finishing Touches:** Electrical panel tie-ins continue, ensuring a safe and efficient energy supply. The start of ceramic tile and flooring work in various areas next month marks a significant step towards finalizing our interior.



### Stay Updated and Involved

Don't miss the visual journey of our library's transformation! Discover the latest construction photos in this newsletter and keep up with the progress online at <https://buildinginfo.communitylibrary.org>.

### Expressing Our Thanks

Your ongoing support and enthusiasm are the cornerstones of this ambitious project. Each advancement we share brings us closer to unveiling a library that reflects the vibrancy and diversity of the Mastics-Moriches-Shirley community. We thank you for your patience and encouragement as we move towards the grand opening.



# Children & Parents

Register for programs three easy ways: in person, online at [www.communitylibrary.org](http://www.communitylibrary.org) or contact the Children's Reference Desk at 631-399-1511 Ext. 2016 for the Moriches Branch or Ext. 1030 for the Mastic Beach Branch.

## Crafts-To-Go

Crafts-To-Go can be picked up at open library locations. One craft per child, per visit please.

**ALL IN-PERSON PROGRAMS ARE OFFERED IN-PERSON ONLY. SUPPLIES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP.**

**MAKE SURE TO CHECK OUR ONLINE PROGRAM CALENDAR FOR PROGRAM DETAILS.**

**PROGRAM REGISTRANTS MUST ARRIVE WITHIN 10 MINUTES OF THE START OF EACH PROGRAM OR THEIR RESERVATION WILL BE FORFEITED.**

## BABIES / PRESCHOOL & PARENTS

### Baby Playdate

Fridays, February 2 & 16, 11:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Fridays, February 9 & 23, 11:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Registration begins one week prior to each session.

Please note this is an unstructured meet up.

Ages birth-23 months with an adult.



### Baby Games

Monday, February 5, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Monday, February 12, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Registration begins one week prior to each session.

Ages birth-18 months with an adult.



### Messy Meetups

Wednesdays, February 7, 14, 28

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins

Wednesday, January 31.

Ages 18 months-5 years with an adult.

### Babies Boogie

Tuesday, February 20

10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins

Tuesday, February 13.

Ages birth-23 months with an adult.

### Toddlers Tango

Tuesday, February 20

11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins

Tuesday, February 13. Ages 2-5 years with an adult.



### Pete the Cat Storytime

Wednesday, February 7

5:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Registration begins

Wednesday, January 31.

Ages 2-4 with an adult.



### Little Creators Art Studio

Tuesday, February 13

10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins Tuesday, February 6.

Ages 18 months-5 years with an adult.

## ON THE ROAD

### Family Roller Skating Night @ Gr8skates

Thursday, February 15, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Registration begins Thursday, February 8.



Join your friends and neighbors at the GR8SKATES roller rink! Register each family member for free admission and skate rental (**only those registered will be able to enter the building**). Concessions and arcade games are available for purchase. All skaters must fill out an electronic waiver at arrival or prior on their website. Helmets for young children are optional and are not provided. The smallest skate size available is a youth 10 boys.

Families with at least one child in grade 6 or younger. Register each person separately with their own library card. Limited availability. Registration for this program is by phone or in-person only.

## PARENTING

### Positive Parenting - VIRTUAL

Tuesdays, February 6, 13, 20, 27,

March 5 & 12, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Registration begins Tuesday, January 30.

Learn how to set healthy boundaries, discipline without punishment and treat your children with respect so that they will respect you. Sessions designed for both mandated (certificate included) and non-mandated parents. You must provide an email so the Zoom link can be emailed to you.

## SCHOOL-AGE / TWEEN

These programs are for the registered children only.  
Adults and siblings must remain outside of the program space.

### Tail-Waggin' and Readin' Fun!

Mondays,  
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.  
(No session 2/19)

Held at our  
Moriches branch.

Tuesdays, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Held at our Mastich Beach branch.

Drop-In. No registration required.

Grades K-6.



### Learn How to Write Cursive

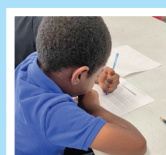
Tuesdays,  
February 6, 13, 20 & 27 &  
March 5, 12, 19 & 26  
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins Tuesday, January 30.

Please note this program is designed as an eight-week course to learn cursive.

Grades 3-6.



### Battle of the Periodic Table

Wednesday, February 7, 4:30 – 5:15 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins Wednesday, January 31.

Grades K-6.

### Lego Club

Monday, February 12, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Drop-in. No registration required.

Grades K-6.

### Beginner D&D

Tuesday, February 13, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastich Beach branch.

Registration begins Tuesday, February 6.

Grades 4-6.

### Random Acts of Kindness Day

Saturday, February 17

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Held at our  
Moriches  
branch.

Drop-in.

No registration  
required.

Grades

K-6.



### Kids Movie Night:

#### Trolls Band Together

Wednesday, February 21, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Held at our Mastich Beach branch.

Registration begins Wednesday, February 14.

This program is for registered patrons only. Attendees are expected to stay in the room for the duration of the movie with the exception of bathroom breaks. Grades 1-5.

### Bookworm Book Club:

#### The Last Kids on Earth

Friday, February 23, 4:15 – 5:30 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins Thursday, February 1.

Grades 4-6.



### Collage Club

Sunday, February 25, 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Held at our Mastich Beach branch.

Registration begins Sunday, February 18.

Grades K-6.

### Pokémon Card Exchange

Tuesday, February 27, 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Tuesday, February 27, 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.

Held at our Mastich Beach branch.

Registration begins Tuesday, February 20.

One pack of Pokémon sampling pack trading cards will be provided to each registered child. Please register for only one session. Grades K-6.

### Art Teacher Amy:

#### Paint a Winter Cardinal

Monday, February 26, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Held at Mastich Rec Center.

Registration begins Sunday, February 18.

Grades 1-5.

## FAMILIES

### Pillows and PJs Guided Meditation

Wednesday, February 7 & 28  
7:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins Wednesday, January 31. Register one child to represent the family.

Families with children in grades K-6.

### National Bird Feeding Month

#### Drop-In

Thursday, February 8, 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastich Beach branch.

No registration needed. Families with children grade 6 or younger.

### Year of the Dragon Celebration

Saturday, February 10, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins Saturday, February 3. Register children only. Families with at least one child grade K-6.

### Quogue Wildlife Refuge: Creatures of the Night!

Saturday, February 17  
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Held at Mastich Rec Center.

Registration begins Saturday, February 10. Register one child in grades K-6 to represent the family.

Families with at least one child grade K-6.

### February Break Activities

Wednesday, February 21  
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Thursday, February 22

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastich Beach branch.

Drop-in. No registration needed.

Families with children grade 6 or younger.



### Creation Station

Wednesday, February 21, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Drop-in, no registration required.

Families with children grade 6 or younger.

### Mr. B's Book Buffet

Thursday, February 22, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Drop-in. No registration required. Families with at least one child grade 6 or younger.

### Playdough Drop-in: Winter Animals

Tuesday, February 27, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Thursday, February 29, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastich Beach branch.

Drop-in. No registration required.

Families with children grade 6 or younger.

### Read Across America Party!

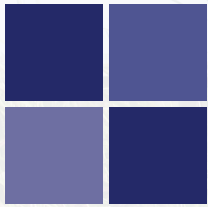
Saturday, March 2, 1:00 – 1:45 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins Saturday, February 24.

Register children only.

Families with children grade 6 or younger.



# Teens

Unless otherwise noted, all programs are for teens in grades 6 through 12.

Register for programs three easy ways: In person, online at [www.communitylibrary.org](http://www.communitylibrary.org) or contact the Teen Reference Desk at 631-399-1511 Ext. 2015 for the Moriches Branch or Ext. 1029 for the Mastic Beach Branch.

## Fun and Games

### Puzzle Night

Wednesday, February 7, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Monday, February 12, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Registration is open.

Work together to complete fun word games and quizzes including Wordle, Redactle, Sporcle, and anything else ending in -le! You might learn something new along the way!



### D&D

Tuesdays, February 13, 27, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Registration begins 1/30.

Play with Ms. Chelsea and your friends in an epic table-top adventure full of magic, puzzles and more. Characters and dice will be provided. Register for each session.



### Board Games & Pizza

Friday, February 16, 5:45 – 7:30 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Registration begins 2/2.

Sign up to play games like Uno, Bamboozled, and Heads Up and eat pizza!



### Retro Gaming

Wednesday, February 21, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Monday, February 26, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Registration begins 2/7.

Pretend it is the arcade days with some retro NES games on the Nintendo Switch! Eat snacks and try to get the highest score!



### Teen Pokémon Card Exchange

Friday, February 23, 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.



Registration begins 2/9.

Bring some cards of your own to exchange with other teens. One pack of Pokémon sampling pack trading cards will be provided to each registered teen. For grades 6 through 12.

## Eats

### Fudgy Brownie Treats

Monday, February 12, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Wednesday, February 14, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins 2/1.

Come and make some delicious Valentine's treats as gifts or snacks for yourself!



## Entertainment

### Pizza and a Movie -

#### Trolls Band Together

Friday, February 2

5:45 – 7:30 p.m.

Held at our

Mastic Beach branch.

Registration is open.

Sign-up to watch *Trolls Band Together* and eat pizza!



### Anime & Superheroes

Mondays, February 5, 26, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration is open.

Japanese cartoons, a few Marvel moments, snacks and plenty of awesomeness. Register for each session.

### Pop Culture Club

Thursday, February 29, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Registration begins 2/15.

Join Mr. Casper for a watch party! Watch a variety of current movies/series and stay for discussion over pizza. Register for each session.

### Pixar & Popcorn

Thursday, February 29

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins 2/15.

Come watch Pixar shorts and eat popcorn!

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## Theater

### Theater for Young Audience Info Meeting

Wednesday, February 14

6:00 – 6:45 p.m.

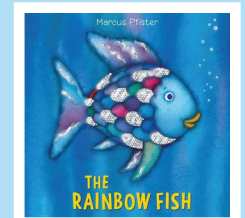
Held at our Moriches branch.

Friday, February 16, 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Registration begins 1/31.

Meet up to get information and ask questions about performing in our production of the classic book *Rainbow Fish* for the Children's Department! Rehearsals will count as community service.



## Arts and Crafts

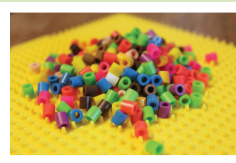
### Perler Beads

Thursdays, February 1, 15  
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our **Mastic Beach branch**.

*This is a drop-in program.*

Make a fun perler bead craft of any design that you would like!



### Art Club

Fridays, February 2, 16, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Held at our **Moriches branch**.

Wednesdays, February 7, 21, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our **Mastic Beach branch**.

*This is a drop-in program.*

Draw, paint, sketch and explore art with Mr. Casper.



### Rainbow Abstract Watercolor Painting

Monday, February 12, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Held at our **Mastic Beach branch**.

*Registration begins 1/29.*

Join Ms. Melissa and learn to create beautiful rainbow-colored abstract paintings using watercolors.

### Pokémon Origami

Friday, February 23, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Held at our **Mastic Beach branch**.

Tuesday, February 27, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Held at our **Moriches branch**.

*Registration begins 2/9.*

Come practice the Japanese art of paper folding and make your own penguin to bring to your holiday parties!



## Your Library Loves to Help

### Meditation

Mondays, February 5, 26  
7:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Held at our **Mastic Beach branch**.

*Registration is open.*

Take thirty minutes to de-stress and clear your mind. Bring a blanket or towel. Register for each session.



### OMU

Wednesdays, February 7, 14, 21, 28, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our **Mastic Beach branch**.

*This is a drop-in program.*

A place where any teen can come down to discuss any topic they want in a judge-free atmosphere. Where they will feel accepted and appreciated for the differences that make them unique. It is a place where teens can speak about what is on their minds and any troubles that they come across in their lives as teens.

### Let's Talk

Wednesdays, February 7, 14, 21, 28, 8:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Held at our **Mastic Beach branch**.

*This is a drop-in program.*

A unique program where teens get to pick topics that are of concern to them that will be discussed among their peers in a judgement free and open atmosphere. They will have the opportunity to learn about topics that interest them and are important to teens in our current world. Snacks will be served for all attendees.



Community service is for students in grades 6 through 12. Teens must have an MMSCL library card in good standing.

### Reading Buddies

Mondays, throughout the school year, 7:00 – 8:45 p.m.

Held at **William Floyd High School**.

Teens in grades 8 – 12 read with younger children during the Library's ENL classes at William Floyd High School on Monday nights. Potential volunteers must fill out an application.

Applications can be picked up in the Teen Department of the Mastic Beach or Moriches Branch. Two hours of community service is available each Monday night. This is an on-going program.

### Valentines for Volunteers

Monday, February 5, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Held at our **Mastic Beach branch**.

*Registration is open.*

Sign up with a friend to make thank you cards and pack treat bags for EMS volunteers for one hour of community service.



### Rock Painting

Wednesdays, February 7, 21, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Held at our **Moriches branch**.

*Registration begins 1/31.*

Use paints, dotting tools, and paint markers to create original designs for your garden or flower pots, or to spread some love in the community.

One hour of community service will be awarded.

Register for each session.



### Operation Gratitude Cards

Wednesday, February 21

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Held at our **Mastic Beach branch**.

*Registration begins 2/7.*

Write a card and send your gratitude to veterans and first responders.

One hour of community service will be awarded.



### Make Decorations

Thursdays, February 1, 15, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our **Moriches branch**.

*Registration begins one week before each date.*

Help us make decorations for the Teen Department and Mastic Recreation Center. One hour of community service will be awarded. Register for each session.



## Inclusive Program

### Teen Enrichment: Pancakes

Thursday, February 8, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Held at our **Moriches branch**.

*Registration is open.*

Sign up to make pancakes with William Floyd H.S. superstar Nick Nappi, Ms. Currao (WFHS Special Education teacher) and other friends. This is an inclusive program for those that are 6th through 12th grade.



# Adults

Register for programs three easy ways: in person, online at [www.communitylibrary.org](http://www.communitylibrary.org) or contact the Adult Information Desk at 631-399-1511 Ext. 2014 for the Moriches Branch or Ext. 1028 for the Mastic Beach Branch.

## Home Improvement Series



### Essential Tools

Saturday, February 24, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins Wednesday, February 7.

Learn about the various tools and equipment you need to make any home improvement project a success. The class discussion will include hand tools, battery powered tools, electric tools, fasteners, adhesives, and tool maintenance.

## Everyone Loves a Story

### Book Discussion of

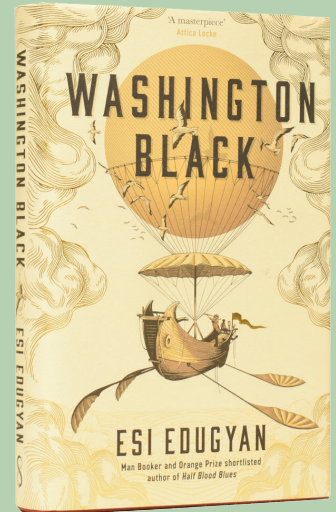
**Washington Black** by Esi Edugyan

Thursday, February 22, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins Thursday, January 25.

Eleven-year-old George Washington Black — or Wash — a field slave on a Barbados sugar plantation, is initially terrified when he is chosen as the manservant of his master's brother. To his surprise, however, the eccentric Christopher Wilde turns out to be a naturalist, explorer, inventor, and abolitionist. Soon Wash is initiated into a world where a flying machine can carry a man across the sky, where even a boy born in chains may embrace a life of dignity and meaning, and where two people, separated by an impossible divide, can begin to see each other as human.



Copies of the book are available to pick up at our Moriches branch starting Thursday, January 25.

## Fun and Games

### Board Game Night

Thursday, February 8, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Attention all tabletop game enthusiasts! Come join Games Master Games for a night filled with board action.



### Coin and Stamp Appraisal

Saturday, February 10, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins Wednesday, January 24.

Do you think you have rare or valuable stamps or coins in your collection? Come find out with stamp and coin expert Frank McAlonan.





# Your Library Loves to Help

## Small Business Mentoring

Do you want to open your own business and are not sure where to start? Are you a business owner who needs advice? Meet with a SCORE business mentor for one-to-one help. To register, please call the Adult Reference Desk at 631-399-1511 ext. 1028 or 2014. **Open to all.**



## Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

Thursdays, February 1 and 15  
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

**Held at our Mastic Beach branch.**

Register now.

The Family and Children's Association is hosting a monthly support group for persons who care for someone with dementia or memory loss. The group provides caregivers with emotional and social support, as well as educational materials to assist with caring for their loved ones. **Open to all.**



## Job and Career Counseling

Saturday, February 3  
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Held at our Mastic Beach branch.**

Get help with resumes, job searches, interviewing techniques and explore career options with our Career Counselor. *For MMSCL cardholders only. Appointments required.*



## Help with Everyday Problems

Tuesdays, February 6, 13, 20, 27, 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

**Held at our Mastic Beach branch.**

Register now.

A Case Manager from Colonial Youth and Family Services can assist patrons with issues relating to housing, insurance, food stamps, emergency services and other advocacy resources and referrals.



## Social Worker Assistance

Wednesdays, February 7, 14, 21, 28, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

**Held at our Mastic Beach branch.**

Register now.

Social Worker Alex can help with locating resources for housing, financial assistance, familial/custodial issues, substance abuse programs and much more. *Appointments required.*

## Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Thursday, February 15  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Held at our Mastic Beach branch.**

*No appointments required.*

A SNAP Program Coordinator from the Health and Welfare Council of Long Island can help individuals and families apply for SNAP. **Open to all.**



Putting Healthy Food  
Within Reach

## Senior Advocate

Wednesday,  
February 21  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Held at our Mastic Beach branch.**

*No appointments required.*

A representative from the Suffolk County Office of the Aging will meet one-on-one to discuss different benefits and programs available to senior residents. The advocate is available on a walk-in basis. **Open to all.**



## HIICAP Medicare/Medicaid Assistance

Wednesday, February 21, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

**Held at our Mastic Beach branch.**

Register now.

A HIICAP counselor from RSVP can assist you with Medicare and health insurance questions, reviewing Medicare Part D plans and more. *Appointments required.* **Open to all.**



## GED Prep Class

Tuesdays and Thursdays, February 27, 29, March 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28, April 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

**Held at William Floyd High School.**

Registration begins Friday, February 2.

Need help preparing for the General Educational Development Test known as GED? This program will help get you started. Class focus will be on math and reading/writing. This class is intended for adults 18 years and older. **Open to all.**

**Fee:** \$30 payable by credit card or money order (payable to MMSCL) only, Non-refundable.



# Arts and Crafts

Fee based programs are non-refundable. The instructor will provide a materials kit (minus paints) unless otherwise noted. Intended for adults 18 years and older.

## Stenciled LOVE Sign

Wednesday, February 7, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins Wednesday, January 31.

Join craft instructor Laurie and learn how to make this stenciled wall sign. It would make the perfect Valentine's Day gift. Materials fee: \$10.00 (non-refundable).



## 3D Sunflower Mosaic Panel

Tuesday, February 13

6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

and

Tuesday, March 5

6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins on Friday, January 26.

Brighten up your winter days with a delightful sunflower mosaic! Join Long Island Mosaic Artist Gabriella Grama for a two-session workshop and let your creativity shine as you chase away the winter blues through the art of mosaic crafting. This 3D 9" round mosaic panel combines materials such as mosaic tile, glass, paints, grout, and beads. You will paint the background on the mosaic in the colors of your choice and then grout the mosaic. Materials fee: \$22.00 (non-refundable).

## Beginner Sketching and Drawing with Colored Pencils

Tuesday, February 13, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Registration begins Tuesday, January 30.

Join local artist Jennifer Lucas to learn the basics of sketching and drawing using colored pencils. Materials needed for class: A set of 24 Prismacolor colored pencils (either Premier or Scholar), Prismacolor colorless blender pencil, a plastic eraser, a hand sharpener and a Strathmore colored pencil paper pad. Open to all.

## Learn the Art of Quilting

Wednesday, February 14, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch. Register now.

All levels of experience are welcome to join the group.

Our instructors Gloria and Sandy can assist you with an existing project or get you started on a new one.

## DROP-INS

No registration necessary. While supplies last.

Classes will take place at our Moriches branch.

### Heart Wall Sign

Tuesday, February 6, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Drop-in to decorate a wall sign for Valentine's Day.

### DIY Pressed Flower Bookmarks

Tuesday, February 20, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Drop-in to make a bookmark using pressed flowers.

## Beginner Painting: Snowman Wall Hanging

Thursday, February 22

6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins

Monday, February 12.

Join painting instructor Linda

and learn how to paint this cute

snowman wall hanging.

Materials fee: \$5.00

(non-refundable). (All materials

supplied by instructor).



## Floral Lantern

Monday, February 26, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins

Wednesday, February 14.

Elizabeth is back to teach you

how to create this whimsical

paper lantern. Imagine your

lovely lantern illuminating a

warm glow in your home on a

cold winter night! Please

dress for a mess and bring a

required baking pan or foil pan

(11x11 or larger). Materials fee: \$5.00 (non-refundable).

Due to the nature and materials of the project there will be no

refunds or take-home kits available.



## Friendly Spanish Conversation

Thursdays, February 1, 8, 15

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Held at the Mastic Recreation Center.

Register now.

¡Bienvenido! Learn basic conversational Spanish in a comfortable and relaxed setting. All levels are welcome! ¡Todos los niveles son bienvenidos!

## English as a New Language (ENL) and Citizenship

Monday-Friday, morning and evening

Registration ongoing.

Classes offered to district residents include English as a New Language, Family Literacy, and U.S. Citizenship Tutoring. For more information, call 631-399-1511 ext. 2002 or visit the Literacy Trailer, 369 Neighborhood Road in Mastic Beach. Pre-registration is required.

## Inglés como nuevo idioma (ENL) y ciudadanía

lunes-viernes, mañana y noche

La registración está abierta.

Las clases que se ofrecen sólo a los residentes del distrito incluyen Inglés como Nuevo Idioma, Family Literacy, y Clases de Tutoría de Ciudadanía Estadounidense. Para más información, llame al 631-399-1511, ext. 2002 o visite la oficina de Literacy en el tráiler blanco detrás del edificio, 369 Neighborhood Road en Mastic Beach. Se requiere registro.



## Inclusive Services

**Adult Enrichment:  
Pancake Party**  
Thursday, February 8  
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

**Held at our Moriches branch.**  
Register now.

Join Ms. Currao (Special Education teacher at WFHS), Nick Nappi (Program manager) and your friends for a fun-filled pancake party. This is an inclusive program for those 18 years and older.



## Computers & Technology

### Sew Your Love

Wednesday, February 7, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Held at the Mastic Recreation Center.**

Registration begins Wednesday, January 24.

In honor of National Embroidery Month, we will be sewing patches for Valentine's Day. Make a patch for that special someone (or yourself!) to iron on to a bag or garment. A selection of graphic options and embroidery thread will be provided. Sign-up for an hour-long one-on-one appointment.

### Creating with Canva

Tuesday, February 13, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

**Held at the Mastic Recreation Center.**

Registration begins Tuesday, January 30.

Join us to learn about Canva, an online graphic design platform used for creating flyers and posters, social media posts, logos, and more. Participants will learn how to create an account, navigate the website, and tips for designing graphics. To follow along and make your own designs during the class, creating an account is recommended, but not required.



### Cricut Design Space 101

Tuesday, February 27

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Held at the Mastic Recreation Center.**

Registration begins  
Tuesday, February 13.

Join us to learn more about the Cricut! In this beginner friendly class, we will focus on learning how to navigate and use Cricut Design Space, the application used to create and find Cricut designs. We will discuss how to create your own designs on the Cricut Canvas, finding projects, and searching for images in the Cricut design library. No Cricut knowledge is required. Please note that we will not be cutting with the machine in this class.



### PowerPoint for Presenters

Wednesday, February 28, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

**Held at the Mastic Recreation Center.**

Registration begins Wednesday, February 14.

Take your presentation skills to the next level with these tips and tricks for creating professional-quality PowerPoint slideshows. Learn where to find free attractive templates, how to effectively include animations and slide transitions, how to insert video and sound, and more. This program will include a step-by-step introduction to PowerPoint for beginners, as well as advanced tips that are appropriate for any skill level.



## Writing

### Creative Writer's Workshop

Thursday, February 8, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**Held at our Moriches branch.**

Registration begins Monday, January 29.

Express yourself in a safe and friendly environment with Anne Kelly-Edmunds during this monthly creative writing workshop. Create all types of original works in a supportive space.



## Take Care of Yourself

### Crystal Singing Bowls Sound Therapy

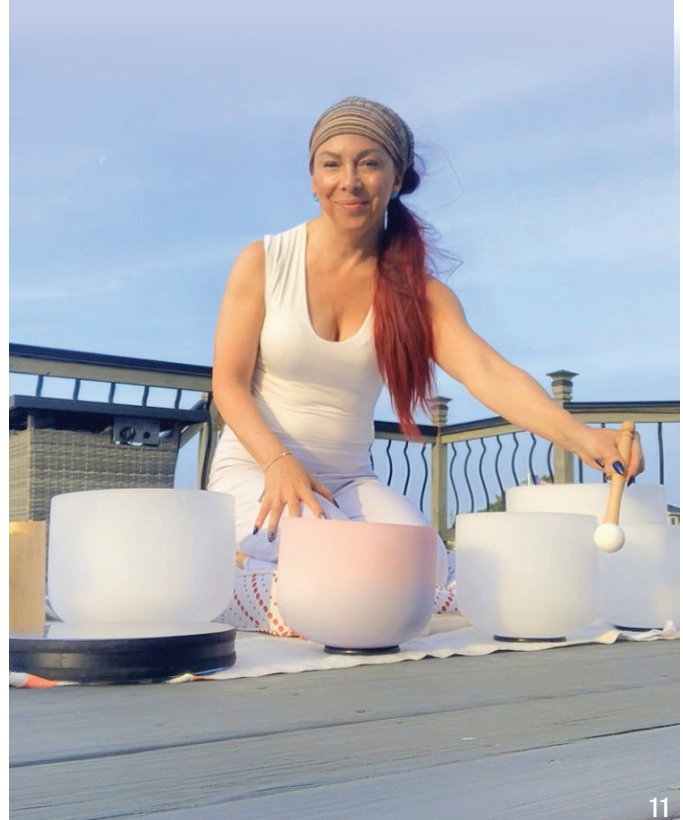
Wednesdays, February 28, March 6 and 20

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Held at the Mastic Recreation Center.**

Registration begins Thursday, February 15.

Join Alessandra, a certified level 1 and 2 crystal singing bowls sound healer. During these sessions, you will be immersed in the healing vibration of crystal sound bowls while comfortably seated or laying down on a yoga mat. The soothing sound and vibrations of the sound bowls help to relieve stress and promote inner peace. **Open to all.**



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## Have a Heart Food Drive

For the month of February, the library will be collecting non-expired, nonperishable food items to replenish local food pantries. Donations will be accepted at each branch location.



## Check Out our New Seed Library

### Located at our Moriches Library Branch

Our seed library is a collection of open-pollinated and heirloom seeds that you can take home to plant. Our collection of seeds will change seasonally, and some seeds will only be available during specific times. MMSCL cardholders may obtain 4 seed packets per month. Each packet is labeled with basic directions on how to plant the seeds. You are not required to save and return seeds.

For more information contact the reference desk at 631-399-1511 Ext. 2014 or email [clingg@communitylibrary.org](mailto:clingg@communitylibrary.org)



## Student Art Show @ Pattersquash Creek Civic Association Monday, February 5, 7:00 p.m.

The William Floyd School District's Districtwide Art Outreach Showcase will exhibit student artwork from elementary through high school grades. The exhibit is coordinated by Theresa Bianco, chairperson of art, William Floyd School District, in collaboration with the Pattersquash Creek Civic Association. The exhibit will be held at the Mastic Beach Firehouse, 265 Neighborhood Rd., on Monday, February 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Download our app! Search MMSCL in the app store on your smartphone or mobile device to begin installation.

The Board of Trustees meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are open and the public is always invited to attend. If you have any questions about any library matter, please call the Library Director, Kerri Rosalia, at 631-399-1511, ext. 1001.



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Moriches 11955

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369 Neighborhood Road  
Mastic Beach 11951

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15 Herkimer Street  
Mastic 11950

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Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.\*

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